

2 REPORT OF A CASE OF ACUTE RHEUMATISM.

ones, twelve to fourteen, over sides of the joint. Down the shins, on both sides, is a line of similar spots, mostly raised and very tender. They tend to run together into a line. There are a few scattered spots on the inner and outer sides of the legs; none posteriorly. Similar lesions have appeared along line of tendons over front of ankles, painful to touch, but not on movement. They are also over the metatarsophalangeal joints, very painful to touch, but not on movement of joints. There is marked redness over both malleoli, both sides, and very tender. Twenty-four hours later there is swelling and redness below the malleoli, and later pain on movement of the ankle joints. The heels are also very tender. About the same time there was a strikingly symmetrical eruption above both knees on the front of the thighs and sides of the lower thirds of the thighs of similar area: some flat, some raised, and from 1 to 2 cm. in diameter. Several are 3 cm., quite raised and coming to a point, very tender, but at no time any fluctuation or suppuration, vesicles or pustules. Each lesion lasted four to seven days. The pain lasted three or four days, and the spots gradually faded, leaving a faint yellow discoloration for a day or so longer, and the raised ones a wrinkled surface. On December 2nd there was pain in the left side, cough, and pain on deep inspiration. Pleural friction was heard in mid-axillary line. All subsided in two days. There was no effusion to be found. The mental condition was very strange, very dull and drowsy, and when aroused very emotional; frequent wanderings and marked tremor of the hands. The eyes were rolled up; no squint; no focal signs. This continued until December 7th, the mind clearing somewhat by that time. Temperature, 98 to 99.5; pulse, 88; the heart and lungs clear. That day the patient complained of pain in the epigastrium, but an examination revealed no tenderness, no rigidity, no tympanites. Early on the morning of the 8th of December the patient complained of severe pain in the right iliac fossa. The nurse noticed some distension. Temperature, 100 degrees F. at 11 a.m.; pulse, 99. The abdomen was slightly distended, resonant. The abdominal respiratory movements were lessened; no visible peristalsis. The whole right side of the abdomen was rigid and hard; left much less so. The right side was very tender, and also over the appendix. The left side could be palpated freely, but deep pressure here caused pain on the right side. The liver and spleen were not enlarged, vaginal and rectal examination was negative. The tongue was coated, but not more so than previously. Mr. Cameron saw the patient with Dr. Parsons that afternoon. All the signs lessened in two days. During this time, December 5th and 6th, on the palms, and base of fourth finger, both sides, there was an area of irregular red-